

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)  
Washington, D. C., June 17.

The republican members of the Senate committee on Cuba met this morning and agreed upon the Spooner bill providing for a 20 per cent reciprocity arrangement with Cuba, to continue for five years with safeguards whereby the benefits of the measure are assured to the Cuban planters. The bill will be presented to the republicans tomorrow night, and the attempt will be made to have it adopted as a party measure. Senators Platt (Conn.) and Aldrich still believe this can be done. Other of the administration Senators are not so confident, realizing that if the best sugar Senators remain firm they can defeat legislation at this session and that the only recourse will then be to allow the President to negotiate a reciprocity treaty for presentation to the Senate next December. This action, it is thought, will kill Cuba reciprocity so far as this session of Congress is concerned. The reciprocity situation was the subject of a conference last night between the President, Secretary Root and Gen. Wood. The conversation also turned, it is said, upon Gen. Wood's expenditures in Cuba. It is expected that the General will soon make a statement disproving the charge that the payments to Gen. Gomez were in the nature of a bribe, and producing the official record of the transactions to show that they were actuated by nothing but perfectly proper considerations. The action of the republican members of the committee was unanimous. Messrs. Platt, Aldrich, Callum, McMillan, Spooner, Deboe and Burmah all supporting the action to adopt the Spooner bill as the party measure. No other proposition was submitted or considered.

At the cabinet meeting today it was decided to send one or two United States vessels to Venezuela for the purpose of protecting American lives and property which are believed to be endangered on account of the revolution progressing in that country. The President is considerably worried over the fact that no answer has been received to several messages sent during the past few days to Minister Bowen at Caracas. Either the cables have been cut or a censorship has been established so rigorous as to exclude even government dispatches. In the latter event the Venezuelan authorities will be asked to explain.

There has been much talk today of adjournment of Congress on or about July 1st. Word reached the House from the Senate side that the Senate leaders had reached a tentative understanding to that effect. The general interpretation of such a move was that Cuban reciprocity would either be abandoned, or receive no better treatment than the passage by the Senate of the House bill, with the differential on refined sugar abolished. The House leaders say they will be ready to adjourn July 1st, with Cuban reciprocity of the way out of the way.

The House committee on military affairs today authorized a favorable report on the resolution by Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, calling on the Secretary of War for detailed information in relation to payments out of the Cuban treasury to F. B. Thurber or any other person for the purpose of promoting Cuban reciprocity.

Congressman DeArmond, of Missouri, will deliver the address before the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute on the 25th instant.

The House committee on interstate and foreign commerce today authorized a favorable report on the Foraker bill to amend the act requiring railroads to equip their cars with automatic couplers and continuous brakes and their locomotives with driving wheel brakes so as to make it apply on and after January 1st, 1903, to "all locomotives, tenders, cars, and similar vehicles used on any railroad operated by steam power engaged in interstate commerce."

Section 2 of the Foraker bill, which section is to take effect ninety days after the passage of the act, provides that when any car is equipped with train or power brakes the same shall be used in every train in which such car is hauled, unless independently of such car sixty-five per cent of the cars in such train are equipped with power or train brakes.

The Senate committee on naval affairs today took action which it hopes will put an end to controversy over the proposed bill to increase the pay of the fleet pay in the retired list, the same pay and allowances as received as rear admiral on the active list. It has been reported that the bill is to be introduced by one quarter. As originally introduced the bill contained the following preamble: "Whereas, Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron off Santiago when the Spanish squadron attempted to escape on the morning of July 3, 1898, and he was in absolute command and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish fleet; and whereas the Senate has declared in the interest of harmony, to strike out this preamble and report only the bill itself granting him the additional recognition of increased pay and allowances."

Edward H. Morell, 49 years old, attempted suicide today by stabbing himself in the throat at his place of business, 1109 7th st.

**THE STRIKE**—A dispatch from Bluefield says several parties of 100 to 150 strikers each paraded the Flat Top coal fields armed with rifles yesterday, and a great many shots were exchanged between them and the guards at the mines.

At the Buckeye mine a party of 100 strikers, most of them armed, prevented men from going to work. Thirty-eight armed strikers were met by the guards on Coalfield Mountain as they were crossing Ekhorn Tunnel. The rifles were taken from them and stored at Coalfield.

At the Tug River mine an effort was made by 30 strikers to take possession of the shaft. A number of shots were exchanged by strikers and guards. The strikers finally were driven off.

**MUST ADVERTISE**—Advertising in some form is necessary to every business under the skies. The extent and cost of advertising is regulated by the ambition of the advertiser. If he be content with the occasional customer who drops in by accident, he needs no other advertising than is involved in a sign. If he should aspire to a more extensive trade he must adopt some other means of letting people know what he has to sell. Should he be content with the few who come to his door, he must advertise in the reputable newspapers having the largest circulation. (Philadelphia Record.)

One woman and three men have been expelled from the Northwestern University at Chicago for firing. It is said that while supposed to be given by the students in which chorus girls left their presence.

A majority of the delegates so far chosen to the coming Pennsylvania democratic convention are in favor of nominating ex-Gov. Robert E. Pattison for Governor.

The Venezuelan insurgents attacked La Guaira, but were eventually repulsed. They burned a bridge on the Caracas Railroad and caused a panic among the people of Caracas.

Fraud and lottery orders were issued on June 14 by the Postmaster General against the World's Co-operative League, Carrollton, Mo., for using the mails for purposes of obtaining money under false and fraudulent pretenses.

Connecticut voted yesterday, two to one, that it would not have the constitution prepared by the constitutional convention after more than four months of deliberation and discussion. The cities did not like it and many of the country towns also cast a majority of votes against it.

The President had a conference last night until 10 o'clock last night with a few of his most intimate official advisers, including Secretary Root and General Wood. Mr. Henry P. Oxnard, president of the American Beet Sugar Association, was also present during a portion of the evening. On leaving the White House none of the officials would comment upon the inference that General Wood's Cuban expenditures, especially the payments to General Gomez, had been the topic under consideration.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

Just before the adjournment of the Senate yesterday a spirited discussion was precipitated over a motion by Mr. Proctor, of Vermont, to agree to a conference with the House on the army appropriation bill. Several weeks ago the Senate was affronted by a message from the House refusing to submit to conference certain Senate amendments to the bill. The opposition to Mr. Proctor's motion was so vigorous that finally he was forced to withdraw it for the present.

The House transacted some miscellaneous business under suspension of the rules. It included the adoption of resolutions appropriating \$25,000 for the preparation of plans for a memorial in Washington to Abraham Lincoln, \$100,000 toward the erection of a monument to those who died on prison ships off Brooklyn as a result of the cruelties which they were subjected by the British during the Revolutionary war, and \$10,000 for the erection of a monument at Fredericksburg, to the memory of Gen. Hugh Mercer, who was killed during the Revolutionary war. The resolution adopted yesterday was to carry out an authorization made for this purpose in 1777 by the Continental Congress.

Two bills were passed to amend the general pension laws, one to provide for the restoration to the pension rolls of the widows of soldiers who subsequently married and were again widowed, and one to increase the pension of those who have lost a limb or were totally disabled while in the military or naval service. The latter bill also carried an important provision to increase the pension of a soldier under the dependent act of 1890 from \$12 to \$30 per month when such pensioner requires frequent or periodical attendance. The resolution calling on the Secretary of War for his reasons for the dismissal of Rebecca J. Taylor, a clerk in the War Department, was laid on the table—109 to 84.

Three resolutions voted on this question with the democratic. A bill to authorize the Secretary of War, in his discretion, to favor American-built ships in the transportation of government supplies to the Philippines was defeated.

## STORY CORROBORATED.

The story told by William Walton, of Good Ground, L. I., Sunday of the fight on the shore of Tiana bay, in the early hours of last Tuesday morning between Clarence Foster and Louis Disbrow, with the unfortunate Sarah Lawrence as a witness, was followed yesterday by an equally important revelation from John Carter, the 18-year-old son of Clarence Foster, keeper of the lighthouse station at Quogue, six miles from Good Ground. Carter's story is almost a complete corroboration of the story which Walton told. He told him on Wednesday morning as he placed the floor of his room in Mrs. Tuttle's boarding house at Eastport. Carter admitted when cornered in East Quogue yesterday, that at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, about the time Disbrow returned to Terrell's, he discovered the footprints of two men and a woman on the sand just outside of the outhouse in which was sleeping for a few nights while building a pier for Nelson B. Equire, the owner of the ramshackle old pier in which Foster and Miss Lawrence met last night, and which soon after sank or turned over with them. Carter was to have used this boat the first thing in the morning, and when he saw that it was gone he immediately tried to think who could have taken it. It was then that he discovered the footprints, and these footprints convinced him then that there had been a fight during the night, although at the time he knew nothing of the disappearance of Foster and Miss Lawrence, and Disbrow was a man with whom he had only a slight acquaintance. The prints of the men's feet were all over the beach for a radius of 10 yards, and as one place the sand and stones had been kicked about rather violently. The woman's footprints went a considerable distance down the beach, but they also showed that the women had come back again and joined the two men.

**How to Avoid Trouble.**—Now is the time to provide yourself and family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over, and if procured now may save you a trip to the doctor in the night or in your busiest season. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful medicine in use for bowel complaints, both for children and adults. No family can afford to be without it. For sale by Richard Gibson, druggist.

**Dangerous if Neglected.**—Burns, cuts and wounds often fail to heal properly if neglected and become troublesome sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve prevents such consequences. Even where delay has aggravated the injury DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve affords a cure. "I had a running sore on my leg thirty years," says H. C. Hartly, Yanketown, Ind. "After using many remedies, I tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It healed the sore." Cures all skin diseases. Piles yield to it at once. Beware of counterfeits. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

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## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Miss Caroline Stuart, one of the best known residents of Richmond was found dead in bed on Saturday. She was about sixty-seven years of age.

Mrs. Sarah Lucas, widow A. G. Lucas, died in Richmond Sunday night in her 90th year. She leaves several relatives, among them Mr. Jackson Lucas, of Alexandria.

The board of medical examiners met in Richmond, today, to begin the examination of one of the largest classes of applicants for the practice of medicine that has been examined in recent years. The class numbers more than a hundred.

Montgomery West, for many years one of the most widely known business men of Richmond, died yesterday at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a native of Richmond and served through the war distinction as a member of the Oley battery.

Mr. Charles B. Ryan yesterday became the general passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line railway, with headquarters at Portsmouth. Mr. Ryan left the Chesapeake and Ohio line on the 15th, which was the twenty-first anniversary of his connection with that system.

Miss Caroline Randolph, of Edgehill, Albemarle county, is seriously ill. It is greatly feared her long and useful life is drawing to a close. She is the only living daughter of Thomas Jefferson Randolph, of Edgehill, and granddaughter of Thomas Mann Randolph and his wife, Martha Jefferson, of Monticello.

Louis Butler, an aged colored man who for many years was a barber on steamboats on Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac river, has sailed for England. He carried with him a package of the hair of King Edward which he clipped from his head in 1859 when he visited this country as Prince of Wales. He hopes to get an audience with the King.

Some of the taxpayers of Culpeper county have retained Attorney George D. Gray as counsel to enjoin the board of supervisors of Culpeper county from subscribing to the capital stock of the Fredericksburg and Rappahannock Railway Company or from issuing any bonds for that purpose. An election was held in Culpeper county on the question of subscribing \$50,000 to this object, and it was carried.

It is reported that the new Hampton Road Railway and Electric Railway Company, which is completing a line between Newport News and Old Point, has purchased the Hygela Hotel property, and contemplates removing it to Grand View Beach, near by, and reconstructing it for hotel purposes. It is understood that an extension of time will be granted the proprietors of time Hygela, at Old Point, for the purpose of removing the building until October.

Yesterday the second day of the commencement exercises at the University of Virginia was given up to the celebration of the final celebration occurring at noon. The Jefferson society medallist were—Intercollegiate debate, James S. Barron, of Warsaw; orator, Wythe Leigh Kinneville, of Staunton. The orator's medal in the Washington Society was awarded Thomas W. Holloman, of Phoenix, Miss. From 10 to 12 o'clock the morning games were danced in the Fayerweather gymnasium. Over seventy-five couples participated. The figures were led by Mr. Brodie C. Nalle, of Culpeper, his partner being Miss Emily Gibson, of Salisbury, N. C.

Quite a sensation was occasioned yesterday at Wytheville by the arrest of A. Lily Swamy, charged with having robbed the post-office at that place on the night of June 3, when several hundred dollars in cash and several registered letters and packages were taken. Swamy is a member of a prominent family, and is a brother-in-law of Frank Hoyle, a revenue officer.

## FREE PASS NO BAR.

In an opinion, just handed down in the Court of Appeals by Judge Keith, in the case of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company vs. Tanner, that tribunal holds that no agreement made by common carrier for exemption from liability for injury or loss occasioned by his own negligence or misconduct shall be valid. It is held that whether the passenger is invited or permitted to enter a train, whether upon a free pass or upon a ticket for which he has paid the usual charge, he is in no sense a trespasser. The decision is one of the most important rendered by the court in recent years, and sets an important precedent bearing upon suits for injury in travel. The lower court is affirmed, and the person injured, a young woman, is awarded damages.

**A NEGRO'S BRUTAL ASSAULT.**—Mr. Eva Ekman, 71 years old, who keeps a small store at 1104 F street, N. E., Washington, was brutally assaulted by a negro this morning. The man entered the store and asked for a cup of coffee. When she informed him that she did not serve coffee, he told her that her meat on the stove in the adjoining room was burning. When Mrs. Ekman turned to go into the room he struck her over the head with a piece of gas pipe, felling her to the floor. He then covered her with a blanket to prevent her screams being heard. Mrs. Ekman was removed to the hospital, where the doctors pronounce her injuries serious. The negro escaped.

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## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

## Foreign News.

Ascot, England, June 17.—The Coventry stakes of 1,000 sovereigns were won by Sir J. Miller's Rock Sand, 6, to 4, with Danny Maher on J. Musker's Baronesse La Fleche, 7 to 4, ridden by Skeets Martin, finished second. Thirteen horses ran. The Ascot stakes of 2,000 sovereigns were won by W. Goodchild's Scullion, with the 11th Earl of Albemarle, ridden by Lane finished second, and A. M. Singer's Rambling Kitten with Gibson on, third. Thirteen horses ran.

The Duke of Westminster's Cup Bearer, (4 to 1) with Cannon up, ran first in the Prince of Wales stakes of 1,000 sovereigns. J. Gubbin's Ard Patrick (11 to 1) the winner of the Derby, ridden by Skeets Martin, ran second, and Arthur James' Perseus, 7 to 2, with Danny Maher up, was third. Seven horses ran. The stewards, however, sustained an objection to Cup Bearer and adjudged Ard Patrick winner of the race.

Rome, June 17.—The committee of cardinals appointed to discuss Philippine matters met in Cardinal Rampollo's apartment in the Vatican today. The debate was strictly secret. It is understood that Cardinal Steinhilber continues to maintain a hostile attitude toward the propositions of the Taft mission.

Vienna, June 17.—The Arbeiter Zeitung says a record trial will shortly be held at Kieff, Russia. Six thousand persons of both sexes will be tried by court martial for participation in the recent risings in Pottava and Kharkoff.

Berlin, June 17.—The socialists and democrats carried almost everything in the municipal elections held in Alsace-Lorraine today.

Colombo, Ceylon, June 17.—The 400 Boer prisoners here are taking the oath of allegiance to the British government. They will return to South Africa next week.

London, June 17.—General Lord Kitchener reports that the complete number of surrenders in the Orange River Colony are 5,395 and in the Transvaal 11,235.

London, June 17.—The Irish party has decided not to participate in the coronation ceremonies. They will hold a meeting in Dublin on the day of coronation to consider the condition of Ireland.

Conditions Favor Speedy Recovery.— Windsor, June 17.—The king slept comfortably through the night and is progressing favorably today. He, however, looks weak and weary, and his physicians are prescribing the utmost quiet. He will accordingly conserve his energies till coronation time. Though the weather today is better than it has been for some days past, the king will not attend the opening at Ascot. This is the most fashionable race gathering of the year, and the king is greatly disappointed at being compelled to remain at home, as he had hoped to open the meeting. Great preparations had been made to receive him and seven miles of spectators would have welcomed his state procession as it made its way to the grounds. The king hopes that he will be able to attend the races on Thursday, Gold Cup day, in which case the state procession will take place then instead of today. The queen will go to the races today against her will. She has nursed the king with the utmost care, and personally supervised everything. In the meantime the king is transacting only the most important state business. The trip to Windsor yesterday afternoon tired his majesty perceptibly, and he was not able to attend the royal dinner given in the palace in the evening. The queen received the 30 guests in his stead. His majesty was able to walk about his apartments and talk with the guests, but he dined alone, and went to rest early.

Windsor, June 17.—12:45 p. m. The queen and members of the royal family left a few minutes ago for Ascot. They are driving in state. The king is remaining in doors. His condition continues favorable.

Windsor, Eng., June 17.—King Edward went driving this afternoon in a closed carriage.

Maine Democrats.— Bangor Me., June 17.—The democratic State convention will meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon. At a meeting of the State committee last night the platform was discussed. It is understood that it will contain a plank strongly advocating the prohibitory law, with a secondary clause, favoring re-unionism. Some doubt was expressed as to the stand to be taken in regard to the national platform, but the consensus of opinion is that it will be endorsed. The candidates for the nomination for Governor are S. W. Gould and Dr. G. L. Crockett. Mr. Gould is believed to have at least three-fourths of the delegates.

Surrender of Boers Completed.— London, June 17.—An official dispatch received from General Lord Kitchener today reports that the surrender of Boers in the Transvaal has been completed. His dispatch reads: "The surrenders since I last reported, have been 915. This completes the Transvaal. The Orange River Colony will be completed tomorrow. General French reports from Cape Colony that there only 150 more to come in. I have handed over the South African constabulary to the civil authorities as the necessity for further military operations has ceased."

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## Exciting Scene.

Springfield, Ill., June 17.—There was an exciting scene just before the democratic State convention met today, between State Chairman Hopkins and Mayor Harrison. It looked for a time as though they might come to blows, but friends of each were numerous, and except for a few excited remarks there was nothing serious. Hopkins demanded to know whether the Mayor had been correctly quoted regarding Hopkins' use of a bottle to get re-elected. "Did you charge me with the use of a bottle?" demanded Hopkins. "You damned little pin-heads, you never earned an honest dollar in your life. What money you've got you either inherited or you got from barbers and gamblers. You are the beneficiary of every franchise that goes through the City Council especially those franchises for 'sub edes,'" said Harrison.

Cuban Government Established.— Madrid, June 17.—Foreign Minister Almodovar today received a communication from President Pallas, of Cuba, notifying him that the constitution of the republic had gone into effect and that the government was established. Senator Almodovar handed the communication to the king who directed him to telegraph to the Spanish consul at Havana announcing that Spain would recognize the new State.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., June 17.

SENATE.

There is a contest in prospect in the Senate over the omnibus statehood bill. During the consideration of routine business this morning Mr. Quay gave notice that on Thursday, after the completion of the vote on the Isthmian bill, he would move to discharge the committee on Territories from further consideration of the bill providing for the admission into statehood of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma. He further announced that he would move that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the same. The committee which has the measure in charge recently by a majority of one vote decided that the bill should not be reported to the Senate until the next session.

A House bill to regulate the competition for good conduct for United States prisoners was passed without objection.

The Teller resolution was, upon request of its author, passed over, without prejudice. It called for an itemized statement from the War Department of all disbursements made in Cuba, if any, in the interests of reciprocity, during the military occupation of that island by the United States.

When the Isthmian canal bill was laid before the Senate, Mr. Perkins, of California, delivered an exhaustive argument in favor of the Nicaragua route. He believed that the taking hold of the Panama canal property and the attempt to complete a project that from its inception had been marked by gigantic fraud, would involve the United States in political and financial difficulties that might be far reaching.

HOUSE.

The House today passed a bill to allow appeals from the findings of the Spanish treaty claims commission to the United States Supreme Court.

The request of the Senate for a conference on the anti-anarchy bill was agreed to.

The bill to amend the bankruptcy law was then called up.

Mr. Ray, chairman of the committee on the judiciary, explained the necessity for changes in the existing bankruptcy law. In the amendments introduced, he said, the country will have the most equitable bankruptcy law of any country in the world.

Mr. Clayton offered an amendment to strike out the entire bill after the enacting clause and to insert a provision repealing the existing bankruptcy law ninety days after the passage of the act. He said in supporting his amendment that the bankruptcy law was not needed and should be repealed